BEHIND WALLS OF HISTORIC AMERICAN

Anniversaries of the Famous Old Citadels That Were Scenes of Conquests During the Civil War Just Fifty Years Ago-Millions of Dollars Expended to Build These Giant Buttresses and Arm Them With Great Guns-Tales of Famous Fights That Have Centred About These Old Battlegrounds of the American People.

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stretches over the 5,558 miles of American seacoast, makes the United States

this fiftieth anniversary of the ter on the bosom of the waters. Three American Civil War more than and a half miles away is the equally ent to rehabilitate and maintain historic old city.

This system of fortifications, which of granite brought from New England the most strongly fortified nation in the half a million dollars. It required ten

the most strongly fortified nation in the world. Some of these old forts, about which historical celebrations are now centring, have witnessed many thrilising scenes. Wars come and go-but these mighty guardians still lay like sleeping carthquakes ready to beigh forth their 1,000-pound projectiles, huring them a distance of ten mileo, with a velocity, upon leaving the muzzle, of 2,100 feet per second.

There slumbers to-day, down off the coast of Florida, one of the most ancient of these old giants. It is exactly fifty years ago since it was aroused from its peacefulness when the first musket shot of the Civil War was freed from old Fort Barrancas. There is but one man known to be still living who witnessed that event, which was the omen of the greatest fratricidal war in the world's history.

This weatherbeaten old fortress, which was built by the Spaniards whem they were masters of the Guil coast more than two hundred years ago, stands on a sandy eminence at the mouth of Pensacola Harbor. "Old lickory" Jackson, while on his march of conquest through Alabama and

of this October, that Wilson's famous strated. Major Anderson, the first dezouaves from New York lost sixty seven volunteers in holding the island against the Confederate troops, who lost ninety in their attempt.

The most famous of these old forts—and one that is now being visited by thousands of travelers every month—is historic old Sumter. Old Sumter.



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for instant motion," ordered Tilghman Taylor detailed his small command of innety men to serve the guns of the fort. The remainder of the garrison slipped out and retreated across the neck of land separating Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, twelve miles away on the west bank of the Cumberland Riv-er.

The shot and shell from the Federal vessels ploughed through the earthen battlements with ease, disabling guns and killing cannoneers with every shot. After a half hour's engagement, not a single gun was serviceable within the fort. But while the Confederate cannon did roar out their defiance, the missiles performed great carnage on some explorers when they founded the angelous process when they founded the angelous process.

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fort. But while the Confederate cannon did roar out their defiance, the missiles performed great carnage on some of the gunboats. One the Essex, carreneed under a shot that passed through her port side, through the middle boiler, killing an officer in its flight and opening an avenue of escape for the live steam.

Scenes of Heroism at Cannon's Bouth. The scene on that gun deck was indescrible. Two pilots, in the pilothouse, were scaleded to death; a scaman was found dead still on his knees where he was lifting ammunition from a box. Many others were scriously burned before they had been able to leap through the portholes into the river, among them was the commander of the ship, Captain Porter.

In the midst of this scene of horror, a shout went up from the other vessels:

"They have surrendered!"

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